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Relief works in Udayarpalayam taluk.

*368 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and nature and estimate of relief works recommended by the Collector, Tiruchirappalli, to be undertaken in Udayarpalayam taluk for relieving the distress and unemployment among the famine-stricken people of the taluk;

(*b*) the number and nature of works started so far; and

(*c*) if no work has been started, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) & (*b*). No special relief works were recommended by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for Udayarpalayam taluk. But Minor Irrigation works under the ordinary programme are under execution as seen from answer to starred question No. 367 (166) just read out.

" (*c*) No special relief works have been started in Udayarpalayam taluk as the seasonal conditions in the taluk do not warrant the starting of relief works."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" In view of the acute distress and unemployment which have developed out of all proportion during these two or three months, will the Government consider the advisability of hastening the starting of relief works in this taluk?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Yes. Sir. It is under consideration. It will soon be examined and orders passed."

Sri T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI:—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the medicines sent by the International Students' Association to the Rayalaseema Students' Union or Andhra Students' Association are still not handed over and they are simply lying idle in the sea port? Will the Government arrange to deliver them to the students' medical unit?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" We are in Udayarpalayam taluk and not in Rayalaseema."

Major Irrigation schemes in Punganur taluk.

* 369 *Q.*—Sri B. KRISHNAMURTHY RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received recently by him from the Punganur Taluk Congress Committee requesting the investigation of major irrigation schemes in the taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A copy of the representation has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for necessary action."

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Sri B. KRISHNAMURTHY RAO:—"May I know the schemes suggested by the Taluk Congress Committee?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—"The hon. Member himself in his capacity as President of the Taluk Congress Committee has suggested these schemes. Anicuts across the Karika river at Nanjapet, Nadigadda and Sodam, and an anicut at Tadapatikunta in Vayalpad taluk, and some other schemes have been suggested."

Sri T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI:—"Sir, may I bring it to the attention of the Government that this taluk is a zamindari area, and there are great possibilities of improving irrigation facilities with the natural resources? Will the Government look into the matter and make a comprehensive investigation?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—"There is a separate question in to-day's agenda, regarding the taking over of these irrigation projects in zamindari areas taken over by the Government. I shall answer this question also when that question is reached."

Stationary Sub-Magistrate's Court at Rajam, Srikakulam district.

* 370 *Q.*—Sri P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any representation to locate a Stationary Sub-Magistrate's Court at Rajam in Srikakulam district in view of transport facilities and the heavy files at Chipurupalle, Palakonda and Bobbili Sub-Magistrates' Courts, and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken so far?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"(*a*) As far as can be traced, no such representation has been received.

"(*b*) The difficulties, if any, of the residents of Rajam sub-taluk in the matter of disposal of criminal cases would have been solved by the orders already issued, directing the Sub-Magistrate at Palakonda to camp periodically for three days in a fortnight at Rajam."

Sri P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU:—"Was there any representation made when the Hon. Sri Sitarama Reddi, the then Minister for Revenue, visited Rajam some two years ago?"

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The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"It could not be traced, Sir."

Gandikota Project.

* 371 *Q.*—Sri C. SUBBARAYUDU (on behalf of Sri Y. Audinarayana Reddi): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent on the Gandikota Project in Cuddapah district in all the various stages of its investigation;